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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Rico Yarbrough, DOB: 05/14/1980, of Beloit, Wisconsin, was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 235 months in federal prison, without the possibility of parole, for distributing crack cocaine in Beloit on May 2, 2006.

At sentencing, the government established that Yarbrough distributed approximately 1.2 kilograms of crack cocaine in the Beloit area from October 2005 to May 2006. Yarbrough received a sentence of 235 months because of his extensive criminal history, which includes battery, manufacturing/delivering cocaine, and obstructing police officers.

Yarbrough and 22 other individuals were indicted on May 10, 2006, for their involvement in the distribution of narcotics in Rock County.

The charge against Yarbrough was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Beloit Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations - Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the

case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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